

Sexual Abuse Services Program (SASP or SS) Eligibility

Eligible Programs

Sexual abuse programs and rape crisis centers in Iowa as long as they are considered a non-profit, nongovernmental organization.

Program Match Requirements

There is no requirement for matching funds for SASP funds.

Additional Funding Restrictions:

SASP funds are restricted to certain activities outlined in the OVW FY2009 Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program Application Kit, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, page 7 and #19 from Special Conditions of the Federal Award document. On the next page is the list, which is not comprehensive, but outlines primary activities for which SS cannot be used.

- Fundraising;
- Research projects;
- Physical modifications to buildings, including minor renovations;
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) projects;
- Criminal justice-related projects, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and forensic interviews; and
- Providing domestic violence services that do not relate to sexual violence.
- Prevention education efforts,
- Projects focused on training allied professionals and/or communities, or
- The establishment or maintenance of Sexual Assault Response Teams.

Purpose of the Funds is to Provide Direct Services to Sexual Assault Victims:

The following information is taken from OVW FY2009 Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program Application Kit, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, pages 5-6.

“The program must demonstrate a **record of providing effective services** to sexual assault victims. The overall purpose of the SASP funds are to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, hospitals, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance to

- Adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault;
- Family and household members of such victims; and
- Those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization (e.g., friends, co-workers, classmates).

Intervention and related assistance may include:

- 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral;
- Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police and court proceedings;
- Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members;

- Information and referral to assist the sexual assault victims and family or household members;
- Community-based, linguistically and culturally specific services and support mechanisms, including outreach activities for underserved communities; and
- The development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described in this section.”

Contract Period

Contracts will be issued annually for the contract period. Each contract is for a 9-month period beginning October 1 and ending June 30. Each funded program must be in compliance with state and federal rules and in good standing with the Victim Services Support (VSS) Program requirements and procedures to receive funding and continued funding.

Programs will not be allowed to carry over or extend prior awards into the next fiscal year. Any prior award amounts remaining un-obligated as of June 30 will revert to the VSS Program. The VSS Program can make exceptions to this as needed.

Please see most recent Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide located at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/> and the Financial Grant Management Guide provided by the Federal Office on Violence Against Women located at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/OVW-FGMG-Version-2-7-12-conf-cost-updates-revised-2.pdf> for more information on financial requirements.

Programs are funded on a reimbursement basis and are subject to the availability of federal funds. All funded programs must complete either monthly or quarterly claim vouchers requesting reimbursement, and program performance reports. Programs will be required to receive reimbursement via electronic funds transfer (EFT).

Non-Supplanting Requirements

SS will be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide services and activities specific to providing direct services to sexual assault victims.

Meeting eligibility requirements does not guarantee your agency will be awarded funds. For more information about the award process please contact Victim Services Support Program (VSS) Administrator Donna Phillips at 1-800-373-5044.

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